# **Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council**

# **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Council Members Present**

Lynda Gonzalez Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott Jacqueline Cox

Betty Gosney Gregory Ware

Council Members Absent

Mike Koss

#### **Minutes**

Council Member Linda Gonzales moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Council Member Eric seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

## **New Business**

## Presentation on Colton Unified School District "Measure G"

Jaime Ayala, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services from Colton Joint Unified School District brought information on "Measure G" which was passed last month and is a 225 million dollar bond measure. He brought applications to apply for the citizen's oversight committee. It is a requirement to have an oversight committee and it must have at least 7 members, but he would like to have more like 10-12. The committee will review the spending of the School District by reviewing expenditure reports. They will also provide an annual report to the public summarizing the activities and reporting as to weather or not the School District is using the dollars as they are supposed to. The committee members will serve for a two year term. They will have to meet at least once a year but no more than 4 times a year. Allison from Facilities Planning and Construction Department brought along an excel spreadsheet which outlined the projects to be funded by "Measure G" which included about 40 projects. The Board of Education has to prioritize them. She reported that many projects have benefited from the "Measure B" bond money. Some of the projects included 160 new classrooms that were built in 2002, about 19 other modernization projects, and the planning and design for high school #3 in Grand Terrace. There is 32+ million dollars left from "Measure B" and are marked for high school #3.

## **Staff Reports**

<u>California Highway Patrol- Officer Joe Ramos</u> Not present.

### Field Representative - Dan Flores

Mr. Flores thanked the Boosters for the monument which is something everyone can be proud of. He reported that the bridge closing at Riverside Avenue in which SANBAG has given a revised timeline. They are awarding the construction contract in June 2009 and it 6 months after that there will be a closure. It looks like December 2009 or January 210 is when there will actually be a closure. This will give us more time to prepare and make sure there is proper alternate access. He also reported that he looked into the Little League having an assessment or special fee, and evaluating from the financial standpoint with Special District and he would like to get the opinion of the MAC and the community before any further steps will be taken. He also reported that there will be a town hall meeting tomorrow night at the Bloomington High School regarding TXI, and they will be providing updates. He also

announced that Supervisor Gonzales was sworn in yesterday for her second term. That means that she and her staff are here to serve you, the community. And if there is anything that we can do to assist please let us know.

## Field Representative – Chris Mardis

Mrs. Mardis reported that there is a homeless project that got started by Supervisor Gonzales last year in which 7 thousand homeless people were accounted for. These included those living in shelters in cars and on the street. The county has applied for a Super Nova grant to get special funding to help with the homeless situation. This year there is a need for 1,000 volunteers to pinpoint the hot spots and get a count on the current homeless population. It will take place in January 20<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose is to get special funding that will go directly into helping alleviate or minimize the homeless problem. She invited all in attendance to volunteer. Anyone interested can contact her at 909-387-4565.

## Sheriff's Dept. - Capt. Steve Kovensky

Captain Kovensky reported that they completed a truancy sweep at the high school and about 16 students and parents were cited. Deputy Wood is newly assigned to Bloomington and is getting acclimated. He also announced that next Saturday is their Christmas Party. He reported that the Sheriff's Department is looking into a graffiti tracker software. They take a picture and put it into the system like a fingerprint and it can help track. A new station was opened in Chino Hills. They will be consolidating and running out of Fontana for all the unincorporated areas and it will happen in the next 6 to 8 months and that will bring in about 125 more officers. The Sheriff's Department was out on Veterans Day for the unveiling of the monument and it is a very nice monument, but everyone needs to keep an eye on it.

### Special Districts –Tim Millington

Mr. Millington thanked the Bloomington Boosters for the Monument and he stated that it is a great addition to Ayala Park. He went on to report that they are developing the plans and specs for the skate park at Kessler Park, and they plan to renovate the old fire house. They are looking to have them complete by the beginning of the year. Hopefully by mid January the design will be complete and then they will move on immediately to construction of the skate park. It is projected be completed by April/May of 2009.

#### **Old Business**

Updates on Riverside Avenue and the City of Rialto regarding the Oakmont Project.

## **Items for Upcoming Meetings**

## **Member Reports**

### **Gregory Ware**

Member Ware mentioned that anyone who worked the polls deserve a round of applause. He also mentioned that he wanted to float around an idea of taking Bloomington and Economic Development department into a different direction. He would like to get community input. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

## Betty Gosney

Member Gosney said she was proud of the Boosters for the monument and reminded everyone of the parade the following Saturday.

### Adrian McDaniel

Chair McDaniel mentioned that he echoed what the other members mentioned. Also, he said he really enjoyed the San Bernardino Valley Riders event. He also thanked Captain Kovensky and all those that gave reports today. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

## Eric Scott

Member Scott thanked the Boosters for the monument. Also the San Bernardino Valley Riders for the event on October 11, 2008. He said hopefully everyone had a good turkey day and Merry Christmas and see you next year.

## Lynda Gonzalez

Member Gonzalez thanked everyone for attending the MAC meeting and also for voting. She congratulated Supervisor Gonzales and her team. She said she is proud of Bloomington and thanked the Boosters.

### **Public Comments**

Members of the public may pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

### Dave Soto

He expressed gratitude to all that attended the unvailing of the monument and to those that helped. He mentioned that everyone is welcome to help with the parade or would like to participate in the parade to fill out an application. Santa will be there right after the parade and there will be games and bouncers. 2 bike will be raffled.

### Karen Soto

She mentioned that they need help with traffic control. They also need any help they can get. They are also in need of Santa's elves and volunteers for games. She also wanted to thank the sponsors for the adopt-a-family. Santa will also visit homeless shelters and battered women shelters.

#### Dave Jayne

Mr. Jayne thanked all who attended the October 11<sup>th</sup> event. He said that the Boosters are doing a good job. He invited everyone to come out on Saturday and have a good time.

### Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport mentioned that if you buy an earthquake kit to make sure you know how to use everything in it. He stressed to not wait until an emergency is here to know what to do. He said everyone should take a quart of water and a bag of M&M's and try to live off of it for a weekend. Next week he can make a brief demonstration on household items that can save your life.

### Todd Warden

Mr. Warden mentioned that tomorrow will be another community meeting and that it will probably be the last one for the cement plants in our area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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